

JURY RETURNS VERDICT IN A JUST 15 MINUTES

Case Of Ohio ex rel Verna Grubaugh vs. Edgar Stelts Tried Thursday

JURY IS EXCUSED FOR THE TERM

Plaintiff Cited To Appear In Court For Alleged Contempt; Court Notes

In the case of Ohio ex rel Verna Grubaugh vs. Edgar Stelts, wherein the defendant is charged with bastardy, the jury returned a verdict of guilty in the Knox county common pleas court on Thursday afternoon. The jury was out but fifteen minutes.

At the conclusion of this case, Judge Blair excused the members of the petit jury for the term.

The January term of common pleas court will convene one week from Monday.

Cited to Appear—

In the divorce and alimony case of Thompson Dowds vs. Maude Dowds, the plaintiff has been cited to appear in common pleas court on Dec. 30, to answer to a charge of contempt of court. It is alleged the plaintiff violated the orders of the court in the matter of paying alimony.

Case Submitted—

The case of John G. Burris vs. Dorothy E. Burris was submitted before Judge Blair in the common pleas court Thursday. Decision will be announced later.

Will Admitted—

The last will and testament of Adie Annett has been admitted to probate.

Account Filed—

A first and final account has been filed in the probate court of Knox county by Belle S. Ewalt and M. Cora Ewalt, executrices of John M. Ewalt, showing the sum of \$22,755.01 received and the same sum paid out.

Order Granted—

In the case of Walter E. Briggs vs. the Knox Tire & Rubber Co., in which the plaintiff petitioned for a reissuance of stock, which had been lost, a hearing was held in probate court and an order granted.

Appointment Made—

Jasper Van Horn has been appointed executor of Adie Annett by the probate court of Knox county, giving bond in the sum of \$8,000 with E. E. Kile and Fred C. Bishop as sureties.

Inventory Filed—

Guy S. Magill, administrator of Maude D. Magill, has filed an inventory and appraisement in the probate court of Knox county, showing a total of \$3,294.73.

Application Made—

Application has been made in the probate court of Knox county for the appointment of a guardian for Elizabeth Hees, an incompetent person. The matter has been set down for hearing on Jan. 3 at 1 p. m.

Marriage Licenses—

Walter Wallace McGougale, tool dresser, Rowsburg, and Verna McMillan, Danville. Rev. W. H. Shields. Isaac Sappe Lane, student, Dayton, and Leonora Carrington, teacher, Mt. Vernon, (both colored). Rev. T. M. Woodson.

Harold Lucille Staats, farmer, Jefferson township, and Mary Aleene Reichert, Brown township. Rev. French A. Gilmore.

Cary Dean Norris, farmer, Jackson township, and Frances Alice Horn, Harrison township. Rev. J. A. Log. Bruno Chine, laborer, Orrville, and Josephine Varucalli, Mt. Vernon. Rev. L. W. Mulhane.

Real Estate Transfers—

Lodenna Castner to Ray C. Bell, parcel in Hilliar, \$1.

Caroline Wagner to Frank C. Weaver, parcel in Fredericktown, \$1.

William A. White to Emma Stull, parcel in Millwood, \$10.

Clarence Stull to Clyde Wharton, parcel in Millwood, \$1.

Lizzie C. Critchfield to Clarence D. Horn, parcel in Howard, \$1.

U. S. Army Discharge—

Edwin Rightmire, a Knox county soldier, has filed his discharge paper for record in the office of the county recorder.

ACCEPTS POSITION

Mr. H. L. Russell has accepted a position as representative in Ohio and Indiana for the Maine Pulp & Paper Co., whose general offices are in New York. The company is a large manufacturer of paper and pulp.

PROGRAM GIVEN AT THE CLINTON SCHOOL

The following program was rendered at the Clinton school this afternoon at 1 o'clock:

Christmas Bible Reading (Luke 2: 8-18).
Phonograph, New Edison — Mr. Woolson.
"Merry Christmas to All"—Leona Kelley.

"Christmas in America"—Herbert Cutler.
Edison.
"Christmas in England"—Earl Brownfield.

"Gitta for the King"—Jessie Caldwell.
"A Christmas Present for Aunt Jane"—Robert Henry.
Edison.

"Christmas in Holland"—Mary Sexton.
"Grandma's Dethrone"—Clifford Black.

"Christmas Eve"—Grace Hogle. Edison.
"Christmas in Italy"—Adolph Lober.

"The Crippled Dolly"—Arabella Newton.
"A Christmas Secret"—Harry Deem.

Edison.
"Christmas in Germany"—Wayne Critchfield.

"The Turkey's Lament"—Wilma Deem.
"Jimmie's Letter to Santa"—Simon Wilmott.

Edison.
"Christmas in France"—Mary Thomas.

Song—Lenabel Baldwin and Irene Porter.
Edison.

"No Stockings to Wear"—Robert Ferguson.
Song—Mary Thomas, Lenabel Baldwin and Irene Porter.

Music—Leo Waddell.
"Christmas Spirit"—Supt. J. C. Marriot.

Edison.

GUEST IN HOTEL BATTLES WITH THUG WHO ENTERS A ROOM

Robert Ireland Has A Thrilling Encounter With A Burglar Today

[By Associated Press to The Banner] NEW YORK, Dec. 24—Hope that New York's crime wave had begun to recede was dashed this morning when a hold-up was staged in the Murray Hill hotel, on Park avenue.

A man about five feet, four inches tall, a Greek, with scar across his face, entered a flat on the fourth floor occupied by Robert Ireland, a newspaper man. Aroused from slumber, Mr. Ireland was ordered out of bed and told to throw up his hands. Ignoring the second command the guest tossed off the sheets sprang up and made a flying tackle.

The robber shook himself loose and a brief struggle followed. Then the intruder fled and Mr. Ireland gave the alarm.

MANY ARE SEEKING STATE JOBS JUST NOW

[By Associated Press to The Banner] COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 24—State jobs that went begging during the war and immediately thereafter because of lack of applicants to take civil service examinations, are being sought after now, according to Thad H. Brown, member of the state civil service commission.

"High wages in war time industries, and many persons leaving the state service for war work made it virtually impossible," Mr. Brown said, "to get any applicants to take civil service examinations during the war period."

"Outside jobs immediately after the war continued to pay wages that put state pay in the shade, and difficulty still was experienced in getting civil service applicants."

"With the marked let up industrially, applicants in numbers now are trying for state positions. The only way to keep up a high standard of efficiency in the state service is to have enough applicants so that we may pick and choose, getting the person best qualified."

That condition, Mr. Brown said, is rapidly returning. There were 45 applicants for one position recently, he declared.

Ex-soldiers of other wars, are outnumbering veterans of the world war in trying for state jobs, according to Mr. Brown. Since last June, figures in his office show, 141 veterans of three wars have applied for state service. Ninety-seven of the applicants were civil war veterans; 33 world war, and 11 Spanish-American veterans.

BASKET BALL GAME

Basketball fans of the city should keep in mind the feature game—that is scheduled for Wednesday evening, Dec. 29, between the Georgia Tech, captained by Ralph Wright and the team of college men organized by Harry Hayes of Denison university.

Later News, More Reliable News—Daily in The Banner.

PRIZE WINNERS FOR THE BEST STORIES

Judges Announce Decision; The Story of The Second Prize Winner

The committee has just awarded three prizes for the best story written by the young people of Knox county in attendance at the county fair last August.

The stories were based on the work done by the various clubs. The winners are:

First—Ray Hunter, Miller township.
Second—Paul Wright, Howard township.

Third—Virginia Snyder, Liberty.
The following is the story offered by the prize winner:

How I Raised My Pig
I am a boy about twelve years old and have always lived on a farm in Miller township among the cows and chickens. I always wanted something of my own to feed and care for when Oh! Boy! what a splendid opportunity was given me on May 1st, 1920, when Mr. Anderson, our county agent, delivered pigs to all the boys who were willing to care for them and in return for their work would be paid two cents more on the pound than market price. And best of all we were to enter our pigs at the county fair.

Well, I jumped at the chance and took one to raise. I fed it all summer, weighing and measuring all of its feed as that was the way we were instructed to do. And when fair time came I brushed it up a little and started off, pig and baggage for the fair. For you see, I was to stay with it while it was there. To be sure we were not to stay with the pigs, but in a nice big tent of our own, where Mrs. Ransom and Mrs. Anderson cooked our meals for us. And I must say they knew how to cook, too, for better grub I never ate than during the week of the fair, and I am sure the rest all thought so as some of them made a "pig" of themselves and ate so much that they were sick the next day.

Well then, can you imagine how we stood around whittling a stick without looking while the judges were busy on our pigs? For each one was anxious for the first prize while we knew only one could get it. But when they were through I was much surprised to find that my pig had taken second. And when they pinned the red ribbon on me I felt as big as the President of the United States, but I didn't say anything for I don't think I am old enough to talk politics yet.

Well, I haven't much more to say, but I wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Anderson and all included for their kindness shown the week of the fair and hope to be there next year, I am RAY HUNTER.

DIRECTORS NAMED FOR FARM BUREAU

The following men have been elected directors of the Knox county farm bureau.

Fredericktown—H. E. Leedy.
North Liberty—D. D. Johnson.
Amity—Lee Barker.
Greer—J. A. Shultz.
Danville—Walter Farmer.
Howard—J. R. Drake.
Mt. Vernon—F. W. Severns.
Liberty—E. B. Tucker.
Centerburg—Ralph Litzberg.
Milford—John Mitchell.
Miller—J. E. Johnson.
Morgan—E. C. Tulloss.
Hopewell—Grove Purdy.
Martinsburg—A. J. Horn.
Bladensburg—J. J. Elliott.
At large—Geo. W. Hays, Leland Cassell, J. C. Marriot, J. W. Ransom, L. C. Welsh.

FIANCE OF GOODWIN GIVEN HIS PROPERTY

[By Associated Press to The Banner] NEW YORK, Dec. 24—Miss Georgia L. Gardner, who was engaged to become the sixth wife of Nat Goodwin, actor, is the rightful owner of the contents of the apartment which belonged to Goodwin at the time of his death. This decision was handed down by Surrogate Coburn, who at the same time ruled that Nathaniel C. Goodwin of Boston, the actor's father, as administrator of his son's estate, must file an accounting for a judgment of \$15,374 collected by the actor and turned over to his father before his death.

Testimony was introduced to show that the actor gave Miss Gardner his personal belongings in appreciation of her kindness to him during his last illness.

CITY DRILLS IN GAS WELL

[By Associated Press to The Banner] LANCASTER, Dec. 24—The city municipal gas works received a Christmas present in the form of a 500,000-gas well drilled in yesterday.

BIG FIRE OCCURS TODAY IN BUSINESS SECTION OF HALIFAX

Stores Burned With An Estimated Loss Of A Half Million Dollars

[By Associated Press to The Banner] HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 24—A half million dollar fire occurred today in the business district of Halifax.

The dry goods store of Wood Bros. was destroyed and a music store and a furrier's building nearby damaged. Apparently starting in the Woods store, during the night, the flames were not discovered until they spread through the roof at 6 a. m.

It was two hours before the blaze was under control.

Society Notes

Entertainment

Given At Church
The Christmas entertainment for the scholars of the Presbyterian Sunday school occurred Thursday evening in the Sunday school rooms of the church. An interesting program was carried out and candy was distributed to the children by Santa Claus.

Friendship School

Has a Program
The Friendship school, Miss Josephine Hillier teacher, gave a Christmas entertainment Thursday evening. An interesting program was carried out by the scholars and Santa Claus distributed presents from the Christmas tree.

Box Social At

Fairgrove School
A box social was held at the Fairgrove schoolhouse, Wooster road, on Thursday evening. An interesting program was carried out during the evening.

Program Given

At Bedell Chapel
A very interesting Christmas entertainment was held at Bedell Chapel Thursday evening. A play was given "Christmas Secrets," and a number of recitations were given by the members of the Sunday school. A Christmas service preceded the entertainment.

Social Given

At Ewart School
A Christmas entertainment and box social was held Thursday evening at the Ewart school in Morgan township. A program, consisting of music and recitations, was given.

Oyster Supper

Is Given
The members of Bladensburg grange entertained with an oyster supper Thursday evening at the conclusion of the regular meeting. A large number were present to enjoy the evening.

Shamrock Club

Is Entertained
Mrs. Victor Cornell delightfully entertained the members of the Shamrock club at her home on the Martinsburg road, Thursday afternoon.

Twelve members of the club and 14 children were Mrs. Cornell's guests. The afternoon was devoted to the pleasure of the children. The chief feature of entertainment was the opening of a large Christmas "pie," which contained a gift for each of the children.

Mrs. Cornell served refreshments to the guests.

The club will meet in three weeks with Mrs. Norman Hopwood, North West street.

Christmas

Entertainment
A large number of people enjoyed the Christmas entertainment given by the Sunday school of the Congregational church Thursday evening.

The program included recitations and songs. A play, entitled "Christmas at Finnigan's Flat," was also given. Pictures were shown of Turkey and Armenia.

Entertained With

Dinner Thursday
Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Davis entertained with dinner at their home in the Slingluff flats Thursday evening. Covers were laid for the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Earl D. O'Brien, the Misses Frances Taylor, Ruth Yauger, Rose Schroeder and Martha Davis.

Card Party

Monday
Following the regular meeting of the L. C. B. A. Monday evening, a card party will be given for members only.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 24—Fifty million dollars in five weeks, at the rate of ten millions a week, is the amount of money County Treasurer Boyle expects to take in beginning about the middle of December, in the largest tax collection in the history of Cuyahoga county.

WALKER SAYS SHEEPMEN WILL LOSE BIG SUM

Knox County Man Issues A Statement Relative To Wool and Sheep

[By Associated Press to The Banner] COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 24—J. F. Walker of Gambier, O., chairman of the wool committee of the American Farm Bureau, in a statement here today, asserted that sheepmen of the state stand to lose \$33,000,000, on the disposal of wool and sheep this year, comparing present values with those of a year ago.

"Last year, the Ohio cut wool approximately 12,000,000 to 14,000,000 pounds, at an average value of 71 cents a pound to the growers. At present it is impossible to market the clip at an average valuation of 35 cents. There is a loss of \$5,000,000," declared Mr. Walker.

"At present values," Mr. Walker added, "\$2 would be a very liberal estimate on the cost of wool entering into your \$80 suit." He continued: "One million sheep go yearly from Ohio to the markets. A conservative estimate of the loss on these would be \$4 a head, under 1919 prices, or an additional \$4,000,000.

"Two million sheep remain in the state constantly for flock replenishment and breeding purposes. No one familiar with the sheep industry will question the statement that this stock last year would have averaged \$18 per head. Today the choicest of the flocks may be purchased at \$6, or a loss comparing the values, of \$24,000,000.

"True, the statement may be made that these sheep were priced at inflated values. It is equally true that had not government agencies impressed on the farmers the absolute need of increasing the wool output of the country, a great portion of these sheep would have found their way into market channels when prices were still high."

Imports of wool in the last four years have doubled over the same period prior to the war, Mr. Walker asserted. October 1, he declared, stocks of wool in dealers' and manufacturers' hands totalled 521,000,000 pounds, and according to him, the bureau of markets estimate is that 175,000,000 pounds of the 1920 clip still remain in the hands of growers, or, he said, 700,000,000 pounds of wool stocks are on hand at the present moment.

"That is enough to run every plant in the United States at war time capacity for 12 months," Mr. Walker declared.

"In five months," he continued, "an additional 275,000,000 pounds, representing the 1921 clip, will be thrown on the market, or in round numbers, 1,000,000,000 pounds of wool will be available for consumers in the United States between now and June 1, 1921."

"Still lower farm prices will not mean a reduction to consumers in cities. Lower farm prices, or the absence of a market, will mean curtailment in production and depletion of flocks and herds. There can be only one result of that, an eventually higher swing of prices back to the consumer."

TALENT OBTAINED FOR COMING PLAY

A representative of the Rogers Producing Co. will be in the city on Dec. 27, to begin rehearsals for the production of "Fl-Fi of the Toy Shop."

The following committees, which Mrs. Harry Turner as general chairman, have been most fortunate in procuring the necessary talent:

Talent—Mrs. G. D. Arndt, Mrs. A. A. Dowds, Mrs. James Israel. Publicity—Mrs. J. B. Sellers, Mrs. Anna J. Daniels, Mrs. Aaron Rosenthal.

Finance—Mrs. Frank Harper, Mrs. F. L. Beam, Mrs. S. M. Dougherty, Mrs. L. A. Culbertson.

SEN. HARDING MEETS TAFT

[By Associated Press to The Banner] MARION, Dec. 24—President-elect Harding turned to former President Taft today for advice on the world peace problem and on details of organizing the next administration.

The conference was arranged at Mr. Harding's request and is understood to have concerned the proposal for a new international court in which the former president has been interested for many years. Mr. Taft was a supporter of the Versailles league, but has taken the attitude that some different agency now must be organized to stabilize world conditions.

BIG PLANS MADE FOR DAVIS' INAUGURATION

[By Associated Press to The Banner] COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 24—All the pomp attendant upon the installation in office of an Ohio governor, which disappeared two years ago under the stress of war time economy, will be in evidence when Governor-elect Harry L. Davis is inaugurated here Monday, January 10.

There will be this difference, however, over former years, the state will not bear all the expense. That is in accordance with the expressed wish of Mr. Davis, who only consented to regular inaugural ceremonies if part of the expense were born by those participating.

Consequently plans now provide that those attending the inaugural ball, one of the most looked-for social events of the year, must pay for their dancing and light refreshments. The admission charge has not been decided upon.

Heretofore, there has been no charge at the inaugural ball, the open sesame being merely a personal invitation. Undoubtedly if admission is charged, attendance will be cut down. Usually at the balls there is such a crush that it is veritably impossible to get any dancing done.

At first, Mr. Davis would not consent to holding the ball, but society of Ohio's capital city finally persuaded him to give his permission, if it would be financed without cost to the state.

In addition to the inaugural ball, which is to be held at Memorial Hall, there is to be a press smoker at the Elks' Home, the inaugural ceremony proper, and various receptions by state officers.

There will be the pageant of military too, although the entire national guard will not be brought to Columbus to march in the inaugural parade, because of expense involved, estimated at \$40,000.

Mr. Davis has announced that by arrangement with Governor Cox, the national guard units that will take part in the inaugural ceremonies will be the Fourth Infantry Regiment, and Troop B, cavalry, Columbus. The Cleveland Grays will come as a voluntary organization to act as escort of honor, paying their own expenses, according to Davis.

Rev. W. W. Bustard, pastor of the Euclid Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland, has been selected by Davis to deliver the invocation at the inauguration.

Details of the inaugural ceremonies will be in the hands of a committee of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce, and according to James T. Daniels, secretary of the chamber, the job is a big one.

Four years ago, he said, the then chairman of the managing committee, required the use of 12 stenographers for several weeks to get out the mass of correspondence that arose.

NO DRINKING IN HOTELS NEW YEARS

[By Associated Press to The Banner] CLEVELAND, Dec. 24—Convivial persons who hoped to welcome 1921 in Jan. 1 in Cleveland's hotels, restaurants and grills, with libations of hard liquor, are going around mourning these days. Federal Prohibition Agent Fred C. Counts is the cause of the despair.

"It is legal to drink in your own home and to serve drinks to your bonafide guests," Counts said, "but it is illegal to drink in a hotel or club or to transport drinks through the street, to be consumed in any public place. That's the law, and I will enforce it."

No Longer Popular.

No matter how black or threatening the outlook, keep working, keep visualizing your life dream, and some unexpected way will surely open for its fulfillment. The abiding faith in a power which will bring things out right in the end, which will harmonize discord, has always been strong in men and women who have done great things in the world.—Orison Swett Marden, in Chicago Daily News.

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ALUMNI DEFEATED HIGH SCHOOL TEAM

Close And Exciting Game of Basket Ball On Thursday Evening

In a close and exciting practice game at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium Thursday night, the alumni of the Mt. Vernon high school defeated the high school team at basketball by a score of 26 to 24.

The contest was regarded as a practice game only and will not be counted against the high school's record for the season.

The score was close all the way through and the contest was hard-fought from start to finish. Corcoran and Cunningham, the regular high school guards, did not play with the team.

Couch Michaels played all his substitutes.

The line-up was as follows:

High School—24
McBroom, Coile
R. Wright, C. Wright

Alumni—26
Rawlins, Mitchell
Shields

F. Sapp

C. Cunningham

Swing'e, Brining
G. Waite, Tinkney

1921 LICENSES TO HUNT ON NEW YEARS

Rabbit hunters were notified today, in a communication from the state bureau of fish and game, that they must have a 1921 license to hunt on Jan. 1. This communication was issued today at the office of Clerk of Courts Walter C. Burris.

The order further states that officials are to make a thorough investigation of all hunting on that day, and arrest hunters who do not have a new license.

'UNIVERSITY WEEK' COMES IN FEBRUARY

[By Associated Press to The Banner] COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 24—The Presbyterian Synod of Ohio has designated the first full week in February 1921, as "Ohio State University Week," in its churches and during the week special speakers will tell about the church's work among students at the university.

MEANEST THIEF STEALS GIFTS

BRAINTREE, Mass., Dec. 24—The crime wave struck this town in its softest spot—the Christmas tree of its school children. Today the Yuletide spirit of good-will to men was mixed with a wish that the town's meanest thief be brought to justice. Four big trees, hung with toys and trimming, intended to bring joy to little children of the Holy school, were stripped, stolen by thieves last night.

DR. L. F. VOKE

Will Make His 303rd Visit to